

US 12, Improvements (SR 124 to Wallula)

What will be changed?

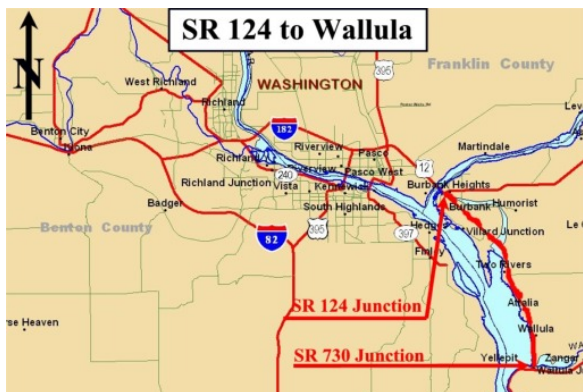
The existing two-lane configuration will become a four-lane divided highway. The delay drivers currently experience from trucks and other slow moving vehicles will be greatly reduced and passing those vehicles will be much safer. The intersections will be improved through the addition of right and left turn pockets thus improving the capacity and the safety of the intersections.

Why is WSDOT improving US 12?

The project is a result of local agencies, businesses, and WSDOT coming together to address transportation issues related to the area and each providing financial support for the project. An improved roadway will enhance the economic vitality of the area.

What are the project timelines?

The first project is planned to begin construction in April of 2002 and be completed in late 2003. The next two projects are tentatively scheduled to begin in late 2003 or early 2004 and the final project sometime in 2005.



What have we done so far?

The US Army Corps of Engineers is preparing an Environmental Assessment of the entire corridor. The project has been divided into four stages, with the first stage going across McNary Pool to just past the intersection with Dodd Road. Public hearings and open houses have

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been scheduled and held to solicit additional feedback and public opinion. WSDOT is currently preparing the first stage of construction contract plans.

What is being done to protect the environment?

An environmental assessment for the project will be completed to address potential environmental issues. As preliminary designs are refined, environmental issues will be evaluated and appropriate mitigation developed.

Government-to-government tribal consultation process

This process will be implemented during the environmental and design phase of this project.

Project Financial Information

This project is in the early design and right of way stages. Its current overall project cost estimate is \$33.5 million. The legislature has appropriated \$9.5 million to complete the first project in the 03-05 fiscal year Transportation budget. This is short by about \$24 million of the amount necessary to support the current WSDOT schedule for completion of the remaining projects by 2007. This will require adjustment and slowdown of design, right of way, and construction schedules. To avoid this result, WSDOT is requesting \$24 million in the 2002 supplemental budget.

Expenditure Plan

	Prior Expenditures	Remaining Costs	Total
State and Federal Funds	\$1,508,000	\$7,927,000	\$9,482,000
Funded by Local	\$47,000		
Funded subtotal	\$1,555,000	\$7,927,000	\$17,868,000
Unfunded amount		\$24,014,000	\$24,014,000
Total Cost	\$1,555,000	\$31,941,000	\$33,496,000

Financial data is current as of 9/1/01.

How can I get more information?

For detailed information about this project contact:

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Project Facts

- Project estimated to be broken down into four phases to accomplish entire corridor.
- Only stage one is currently funded.
- The cost to construct this project is estimated to be approx. \$33.5 million

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